INTUITIVE INVESTING AT TMI

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James Slagle is a software product manager from Dallas, Texas. His professional background includes some thirty years as a computer programmer, dating back to the old mainframe era of 80-column punched cards and magnetic core memory. In the early 1980s he facilitated a weekly study group for A Course in Miracles at his local Unity Church. His first TMI Residential program was the GATEWAY VOYAGE® in 1990. He now practices remote viewing for intuitive investing and likes to combine ancient sword-

related Chi Kung practices with TMI Focus states.

Two weeks after attending *GUIDELINES*® (my third TMI program), I got on the plane and head- ed back to Charlottesville for the four-day *INTUITIVE INVESTING* program with Skip Atwater and Marty Rosenblatt. Chatting with fellow participants before dinner at the Nancy Penn Center, I realized we were a mix of TMI old-timers as well as newcomers with a personal and/or professional interest in investing. Some of the "newbies" didn't know Focus 15 from resonant tuning, and some of us old- timers didn't know a futures con- tract from a margin call. It turns out none of that mattered—in fact we never actually studied any of those topics. We studied the process of associative remote viewing (ARV) and its application as an investment decision tool. ARV is a specialized form of remote viewing (RV) that aims at predicting multiple-choice outcomes.

An over-simplified description of ARV goes something like this: First, we associate random targets with each possible outcome we want to test. For example, WIN=my neighbor's rose garden, LOSE=the Denver airport, DRAW=the Statue of Liberty, FORFEIT=Arnold Palmer's golf club collection, and so on. Second, we ask a remote viewer to describe "the target." By doing this, we are asking for a description of the target associated with the actual out- come. The prediction depends on whether the remote viewer describes aphid-infected, thorn-covered stems, a tarmac, a green lady holding a torch, a nine iron or something that doesn't seem to match any of the choices.

There are many possible ways to apply ARV as an investment decision-making tool. Most of our time in the workshop focused on Protocol 8, a specific ARV investing strategy developed by Marty and others for trading over the Internet. Protocol 8 maximizes the likelihood of profits over losses by using limit orders—an order to buy a certain quantity of a stock at or below a specified price per share or to sell it at or above a specified price per share—and stop orders—

an order to buy or sell a certain quantity of a stock if a specified price per share is reached or passed.

To assist in accessing states of consciousness conducive to RV, we did several Hemi-Sync exercises throughout the workshop. One of these was a Focus 12 "patterning" exercise similar to the one used in the *GATEWAY VOYAGE*. The other exercises used special Hemi-Sync frequencies developed in the 1980s by Bob Monroe when he started working with Joe McMoneagle, a well-known and successful remote viewer. I enjoyed the surprised comments by a few newcomers who were astonished at "how deeply relaxing that audio exercise was."

Although we were dedicated to remote viewing, one of the old- timers told me that he unexpectedly had an out-of-body-experience the night before. He seemed too preoccupied by that experience to attend to the stock market! As always, the TMI staff was caring and considerate, and they took great care of us. Evening entertain- ment included videos of RV topics and fostered the usual camaraderie one expects at TMI programs. In addition to studying the processes of ARV and Protocol 8, we actually conducted a trade, with real money, on Monday morning. It was exciting that the trade made money, although I must say it was a lot of work to describe targets, do the analysis, and handle the various details of the process. *INTUITIVE INVESTING* isn't effortless (no "something for nothing" here).

All told, we crammed a lot of learning, study, and practice into seventy-two hours. A few of the TMI graduates remarked that *INTUITIVE INVESTING* was more like a college math course than a typical TMI program. Others said they wished there had been even more technical details. The level of detail was just about right for me—enough to make for a challenging study, but not so much that I, a recovering computer programmer, felt overwhelmed.

When we registered for *INTUITIVE INVESTING*, we had been promised an opportunity to join an investment club (entirely unrelated to TMI or its sister company), which Marty and others founded to do investment ARV in the Protocol 8 methodology. This offer was made at the end of the program, after all of us had gotten a chance to understand the theory and to actually practice using the related computer programs. Several people signed up and plan to continue refining their remote- viewing skills in this way. Maybe they'll even earn a little money at the same time!

Ultimately, the emphasis of the program was on personal growth. My experiences made me realize that ARV actually works. We don't know how it works, notwithstanding Marty's presentation on quantum entanglement and other strange ideas widely accepted in physics. As just one person among many who had some eerily successful matches (as well as some absolute mistakes), I left the program wondering just how much "more than my physical body" I am.

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